

## LAP

To LAPIDATE. *v. a.* [*lapide*, Latin.] To stone; to kill by stoning. *Diët.*

LAPIDATION. *n. f.* [*lapidatio*, Lat. *lapidation*, Fr.] A stoning. LAPIDEOUS. *adj.* [*lapideus*, Latin.] Stony; of the nature of stone.

There might fall down into the lapideous matter, before it was concentered into a stone, some small toad, which might remain there imprisoned, till the matter about it were condensed. *Ray on Creation.*

LAPIDESCENT. *n. f.* [*lapidesco*, Latin.] Stony concretion.

Of lapis ceratites, or cornu fossilis, in subterraneous cavities, there are many to be found in Germany, which are but the lapidescentes, and putrefactive mutations, of hard bodies. *Brown's Vulgar Errors*, b. iii. c. 22.

LAPIDESCENT. *adj.* [*lapidesco*, Latin.] Growing or turning to stone.

LAPIDIFICATION. [*lapidification*, French.] The act of forming stones.

Induration or lapidification of substances more soft, is another degree of condensation. *Bacon's Natural History.*

LAPIDIFIC. *adj.* [*lapidificus*, French.] Forming stones.

The atoms of the lapidificus, as well as saline principle, being regular, do concur in producing regular stones. *Grew.*

LAPIDIST. *n. f.* [*lapidarius*, Latin.] A dealer in stones or gems.

Hardness, wherein some stones exceed all other bodies, being exalted to that degree, that art in vain endeavours to counterfeit it, the facitious flores of chemists in imitation being easily detected by an ordinary lapidist. *Ray on Creation.*

LAPIS. *n. f.* [*Lapis*, Latin.] A stone.

LAPIS LAZULI.

The lapis lazuli, or azure stone, is a copper ore, very compact and hard, so as to take a high polish, and is worked into a great variety of toys. It is found in detached lumps, usually of the size of a man's fist, of an elegant blue colour, beautifully variegated with clouds of white, and veins of a shining gold colour: that of Asia and Africa is much superior to the Bohemian or German kind: it has been used in medicine, but the present practice takes no notice of it: to it the painters are indebted for their beautiful ultra-marine colour, which is only a calcination of lapis lazuli. *Hill.*

LAPPER. *n. f.* [*from lap.*]

1. One who wraps up. They may be lappers of linen, and bailiffs of the manor. *Swift's Consideration on Two Bills.*

2. One who laps or licks. LAPPER. *n. f.* [*diminutive of lap.*] The parts of a head dress that hang loose.

How naturally do you apply your hands to each other's lappets, and ruffles, and mantuas. *Swift.*

LAPSE. *n. f.* [*lapsus*, Latin.]

1. Flow; fall; glide.

Round I saw Hill, dale, and shady woods, and sunny plains, And liquid laps of murm'ring streams. *Milton.* Notions of the mind are preserved in the memory, notwithstanding laps of time. *Hale's Original of Manhood.*

2. Petty error; small mistake.

These are petty errors and minor lapses, not considerably injurious unto truth. *Brown's Vulgar Errors*, b. vi. c. 13. The weakness of human understanding all will confess; yet the confidence of most practically disowns it; and it is easier to persuade them of it from others lapses than their own. *Glanville's Scap.* c. 9.

This scripture may be usefully applied as a caution to guard against those lapses and failings, to which our infirmities daily expose us. *Rogers's Sermon.*

It hath been my constant business to examine whether I could find the smallest lapse in title or propriety through my whole collection, that I might find it abroad as the most finished piece. *Swift.*

3. Translation of right from one to another.

In a presentation to a vacant church, a layman ought to present within four months, and a clergyman within six, otherwise a devolution, or lapse of right, happens. *Ayliffe.*

To LAPSE. *v. n.* [*from the noun.*]

1. To glide slowly; to fall by degrees.

This disposition to shorten our words, by retrenching the vowels, is nothing else but a tendency to lapse into the barbarity of those northern nations from whom we are descended, and whose languages labour all under the same defect. *Swift's Letter to the Lord Treasurer.*

2. To fail in any thing; to slip.

I have ever narrated my friends, Of whom he's chief, with all the size that verity Would without lapsing suffer. *Shakef. Coriolanus.*

To lapse in fulness

Is forer than to lie for need; and falsehood

Is worse in kings than beggars. *Shakef. Cymbeline.*

3. To slip by inadvertency or mistake.

Homer, in his characters of Vulcan and Thersites, has lapsed into the burlesque character, and departed from that serious air essential to an epic poem. *Add. Spectator.*

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Let there be no wilful perversion of another's meaning; no sudden seizure of a *lapsed* syllable to play upon it. *Watts.*

3. To lose the proper time.

Myself stood out;

For which if I be lapsed in this place,

I shall pay dear. *Shakefpeare's Twelfth Night.*

As an appeal may be deferred by the appellant's *lapses*

the term of law, so it may also be deferred by a lapse of the term of a judge. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*

4. To fall by the negligence of one proprietor to another.

If the archbishop shall not fill it up within six months ensuing, it lapses to the king. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*

5. To fall from perfection, truth or faith.

Once more I will renew

His lapsed powers, though forfeit, and intrall'd

By sin to foul exorbitant desires. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

Indeed the charge seems designed as an artifice of diversion, a sprout of that fig-tree which was to hide the nakedness of lapsed Adam. *Decay of Piety.*

All public forms suppose it the most principal, universal, and daily requisite to the lapsing state of human corruption. *Decay of Piety.*

These were looked on as lapsed persons, and great severities of penance were prescribed them, as appears by the canons of Ancyra. *Stillington's Disc. on Romish Idolatry.*

LAPWING. *n. f.* [*lap* and *wing*.] A clamorous bird with long wings.

Ah! but I think him better than I say,

And yet would herein others eyes were worse:

Far from her nest the lapwing cries away;

My heart prays for him, though my tongue do curse. *Shak.*

And how in fields the lapwing Tereus reigns,

The warbling nightingale in woods complains. *Dryden.*

LAPWORK. *n. f.* [*lap* and *work*.] Work in which one part is interchangeably wrapped over the other.

A basket made of porcupine quills: the ground is a pack-thread caul woven, into which, by the Indian women, are wrought, by a kind of lap-work, the quills of porcupines, not split, but of the young ones intire; mixed with white and black in even and indented waves. *Grew's Myology.*

LARBOARD. *n. f.*

The left-hand side of a ship, when you stand with your face to the head. *Harv.*

Or when Ulysses on the larboard shunn'd

Charybdis, and by the other whirlpool steer'd. *Milton.*

Tack to the larboard, and stand off to sea,

Veer larboard sea and land. *Dryden.*

LARCENY. *n. f.* [*larcin*, Fr. *larcinarius*, Lat.] Petty theft.

Those laws would be very unjust, that should chastize murder and petty larceny with the same punishment. *Spektat.*

LARCH. *n. f.* [*Larix*.]

The larches, which are long and narrow, are produced out of little tubercles, in form of a painter's pencil, as in the cedar of Libanus, but fall off in winter; the cones are small and oblong, and, for the most part, have a small branch growing out of the top; these are produced at remote distances from the male flowers, on the same tree: the male flowers are, for the most part, produced on the under side of the branches, and, at their first appearance, are very like small cones. *Millett.*

Some botanical critics tell us, the poets have not rightly followed the traditions of antiquity, in metamorphosing the sisters of Phaeton into poplars, who ought to have been turned into larch trees; for that it is this kind of tree which sheds a gum, and is commonly found on the banks of the Po. *Addison on Italy.*

LARD. *n. f.* [*lardum*, Latin; *lard*, French.]

1. The grease of swine.

So may thy pastures with their flow'ry scalls,

As suddenly as lards, fat thy lean beasts. *Donne.*

2. Bacon; the flesh of swine.

By this the boiling kettle had prepar'd,

And to the table sent the smacking lard;

On which with eager appetite they dine,

A sav'ry bit, that serv'd to relish wine. *Dryden's Ovid.*

The sacrifice they sped;

Chopp'd off their nervous thighs, and next prepar'd

To involve the lean in cauls, and mend with lard. *Dryden.*

To LARD. *v. a.* [*lardo*, French; *from the noun.*]

1. To stuff with bacon.

The larded thighs on loaded altars laid. *Dryd. Homer.*

No man lards salt pork with orange peel,

Or garnishes his lamb with spitch-cock eel. *King.*

2. To fatten.

Now Falstaff sweats to death,

And lards the lean earth as he walks along. *Shakef.*

Brave soldiers, doth he lie

Larding the plain. *Shakefpeare's Henry V.*

3. To mix with something else by way of improvement.

I found, Horatio,

A royal knavery; an exact command,

Larded with many several sorts of reasons. *Shakef. Hamlet.*

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Let no alien interpose

To lard with wit thy hungry Epsom prose. *Dryden.*

He lards with flourish his long harangues,

'Tis fine, sayst thou. *Dryd.*

Swearing by heaven; the poets think this nothing, their

plays are so much larded with it. *Collier's View of the Stage.*

LARDER. *n. f.* [*lardier*, old French; *from lard.*] The room

where meat is kept or falset.

This similitude is not borrowed of the larder house, but

out of the school house. *Ashmole's Schoolmaster.*

Flesh is ill kept in a room that is not cool; whereas in

a cool and wet larder it will keep longer.

So have I seen in larder dark,

Of veal a lucid loin. *Dorset.*

Old age,

More'st, perverse in humour, diffident

The more he still abounds, the less content:

His larder and his kitchen too observes,

And now, left he should want hereafter, starves. *King.*

LARDERER. [*larder*.] One who has the charge of the larder.

LARDON. *n. f.* [*French*.] A bit of bacon.

LARGE. *adj.* [*large*, French; *largus*, Latin.]

1. Big; bulky.

Charles II. asked me, What could be the reason, that in

mountainous countries the men were commonly larger, and

yet the cattle of all sorts smaller. *Temple.*

Great Theron fell,

Great Theron, large of limbs, of giant height. *Dryden.*

Warwick, Leicester, and Buckingham, bear a large boned

sheep of the best shape and deepest staple. *Mortimer's Hist.*

2. Wide; extensive.

Their former large peopling was an effect of the countries

improving. *Carew's Survey of Cornwall.*

Let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for it is

large enough for them. *Gen. xxxiv. 21.*

There he conquered a thousand miles wide and large.

Abbot's Description of the World.

3. Liberal; abundant; plentiful.

Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large. *Ezek.*

Vernal fens and showers

Diffuse their wannet, largess influence. *Thomson's Autumn.*

4. Copious; diffuse.

Skippon gave a large testimony under his hand, that they

had carried themselves with great civility. *Clarendon*, b. viii.

I might be very large upon the importance and advantages

of education, and say a great many things which have

been said before. *Felton on the Clapham.*

5. At LARGE. Without restraint.

If you divide a cane into two, and one speak at the one

end, and you lay your ear at the other, it will carry the voice

further than in the air at large. *Bacon's Nat. History.*

Thus incorporated spirits to smallest forms

Reduc'd their shapes immense; and were at large,

Though without number still. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

The children are bred up in their father's way; or so

plentifully provided for, that they are left at large. *Sprat.*

Your zeal becomes importunate;

I've hitherto permitted it to rave,

And talk at large; but learn to keep it in,

Left it should take more freedom than I'll give it. *Addif.*

6. At LARGE. Diffusely.

Discover more at large what cause that was,

For I am ignorant, and cannot guess. *Shakef. Henry VI.*

It does not belong to this place to have that point debated

at large. *Watts.*

LARGELY. *adv.* [*from large*.]

1. Widely; extensively.

2. Copiously; diffusely.

Where the author treats more largely, it will explain the

shorter hints and brief intimations. *Watts's Imp. on the Mind.*

3. Liberally; bounteously.

How he lives and eats:

How largely gives; how splendidly he treats. *Dryden.*

Those, who in warmer climes complain,

From Phœbus rays they suffer pain,

Must own, that pain is largely paid

By gen'rous wines beneath the shade. *Swift.*

4. Abundantly.

They their fill of love, and love's disport

Took largely; of their mutual guilt the seal. *Milton.*

LARGENESS. *n. f.* [*from large*.]

1. Bigness; bulk.

London excels any other city in the whole world, either

in largeness, or number of inhabitants. *Sprat's Sermons.*

Not must Bumafus, his old honours lose,

In length and largeness like the dugs of cows. *Dryden.*

2. Greatness; elevation.

There will be occasion for largeness of mind and agreeableness

of temper. *Collier of Friendship.*

3. Extension; amplitude.

They which would file away most from the largeness of

that offer, do in more sparing terms acknowledge little

less. *Hesker*, b. v. f. 27.

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The ample proposition that hope makes

In all designs begun on earth below,

Falls in the promised largeness. *Shakef. Troil. and Cress.*

Knowing best the largeness of my own heart toward my

people's good and just contentment. *King Charles.*

Shall grief contract the largeness of that heart,

In which nor fear nor anger has a part? *Waller.*

Man as far transcends the beasts in largeness of desire, as

dignity of nature and employment. *Glanville's Apology.*

If the largeness of a man's heart carry him beyond prudence,

we may reckon it illustrious weakness. *L'Estrange.*

4. Wideness.

Supposing that the multitude and largeness of rivers ought

to continue as great as now; we can easily prove, that the

extent of the ocean could be no less. *Bentley's Sermons.*

LARGESS. *n. f.* [*largesse*, Fr.] A present; a gift; a bounty.

Our coffers with too great a court,

And liberal largess, are grown somewhat light. *Shakef.*

He left me; having assigned a value of about two thousand

ducats, for a bounty to me and my fellows: for they

give great largesses where they come. *Bacon's New Atlantis.*

A pardon to the captain, and a largess

Among the soldiers, had appeas'd their fury. *Danham.*

The paltry largess too severely watch'd,

That no intruding guests usurp a share. *Dryden's Juv.*

I am enamour'd of Irus, whose condition will not admit